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Situation Report Severe Storms & Flooding May 14, 2007, 12pm

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SUMMARY

A line of severe spring thunderstorms swept across western Missouri on May 6, drenching the western portion of Missouri and eastern Kansas and Nebraska with heavy rains, some hail, and high winds. This resulted in along the Missouri River and its tributaries. There has been one fatality in Missouri associated with the flood situation. An additional round of heavy rain made its way across the southern half of Missouri on Thursday.

On May 7, Governor Blunt declared a State of Emergency and activated the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The Governor also issued four Executive Orders for the following actions:

- o Activating the Missouri Operations Plan and State Agency Resources.
- o Activating the Missouri National Guard.
- o Authorized Department of Natural Resources to expedite disaster cleanup.
- o Allow state employees to volunteer for a recognized voluntary organization or donate time for leave-share for employees impacted by statewide flooding.

The State of Missouri submitted a letter Wednesday to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region VII office in Kansas City requesting joint Preliminary Damage Assessments be conducted in 17 counties. PDA's for additional counties will be added as more information is received from other local governments.

On Saturday, SEMA returned to normal operations at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). After hours calls should now be directed to the SEMA Duty Officer, who will assist with coordination of response to emergencies as needed.

County Reports

Andrew County—Local damage assessments began on Friday. Four homes and one business were destroyed. 32 homes sustained major damages, while 42 sustained minor damage. Officials reported all roads open on Saturday.

Atchison County—Officials say several homes in Tarkio were affected. The exact number is not yet known but local officials continue to assess damage. The Tarkio and Fairfax water plants are no longer threatened.

Boone County—On Saturday, officials reported receding water in most areas of the county. Officials reported numerous water rescues were conducted as a result of flash flooding on Thursday in Columbia and other parts of the county. Sandbagging operations were completed Wednesday near the cities of Hartsburg, Huntsville and Rocheport. Officials say 16 county roads were closed on Friday.

Buchanan County—Officials report one person died Sunday in St. Joseph of a heart attack while helping local citizens evacuate. The city of Agency was surrounded by flooded-waters on three sides. The City of St. Joseph reports residents from six homes who were evacuated on May 7 are back in their homes. They are now evaluating the extent of damages to homes and businesses.

Callaway County—On Friday, officials were working on stabilizing a levee on a tributary leading to the river. Officials reported 10-12 roads were covered with water around the county.

Cass County—Officials report 32 people were evacuated May 7. It's believed only one structure suffered damage.

Carroll County—Officials report the situation is stabilizing. A levee was mechanically opened on Thursday to let water flow back out to the Missouri River. About 70 families have been affected by flooding but no homes or significant infrastructure is reported damaged. **Highway 65 south of Carrollton was reopened over the weekend.**

Chariton County—Officials reported a levee break along the Grand River northwest of Brunswick on Friday. The levee break flooded 3,000 acres of farmland. Additional levee breaks could threaten the towns of Dean Lake and Triplett. On Saturday, high water was reported on three sides of Sumner. High water also remains in sections of Brunswick. Residents from about 25 homes voluntarily evacuated.

Clay County—Officials reported that cleanup has started in Missouri City and Mosby. About 70 homes in Mosby were affected by flooding and residents were evacuated. The Norfolk Southern railroad line that was closed temporarily is now open.

Cooper County—Officials reported sandbagging efforts were completed in Wooldridge on Friday. Some residents in the area have evacuated as a precautionary measure.

Daviess County—Three businesses and one home were threatened by flooding on Tuesday. Officials evacuated people from homes and businesses in low-lying areas on May 7.

DeKalb County—A mobile home park near Cameron was evacuated, with 32 people and 11 animals being rescued. The American Red Cross assisted in shelter needs for those residents needing it.

Gasconade County—Officials reported flooding in two city parks in Hermann. Otherwise, continue to monitor water levels and pre-stage sandbags and other items. No homes have yet been affected.

Howard County—Sandbagging work has been going on in Glasgow and the county health department is providing immunizations. Four county roads are reported closed due to high water. No homes have been damaged but about five businesses moved out some of their items out as a precautionary measure.

Holt County—Local officials and engineers with the Army Corp of Engineers surveyed levees to determine their stability on Friday. An estimated 275 people were out of their homes on Friday. About 500 homes have been affected by flooding in Big Lake. 50 roads were under water and officials say there has been damage to several bridges.

Jackson County—An estimated 15-30 homes were evacuated at Levasy Tuesday night due to rising water. A shelter was opened in Buckner to help those who were affected. A water main break Tuesday forced local officials to issue a Boil Water Alert for about 160,000 residents, including the city of Independence.

Jefferson County—Officials reported rivers above flood stage on Friday. All flooding is minor at this point.

Lafayette County—River levels are still generally trending downward. Officials say the water and sewer treatment plants in Lexington are no longer threatened. 10 homes were affected by flooding in the Waterloo area. Highway 224 was closed between Lexington and Wellington.

Livingston County—Officials report the water is starting to drop in and around Chillicothe. All lanes of Highway 36 have reopened, and Highway 65 has also reopened south of Chillicothe. Officials reported a major break in a water line near Utica, but supplies were available from other public water districts in the area. Damage was sustained by nine homes and four businesses, including the administration building at the school in Chillicothe.

Moniteau County—Officials were organizing a sandbagging operation on Highway 179 at Sandy Hook. Residents report the Missouri River is creeping up into backyards in the area.

Nodaway County—Officials report minimal damage to homes and businesses throughout the county. Numerous roads and highways were under water during the event. Local damage assessments were still being conducted on Thursday.

Platte County—Officials reported 17 homes have been damaged in the county. Several businesses in Tracy have reportedly been affected by flooding. Officials say 18 county roads, six secondary roads and two primary roads remain closed on Thursday.

Ray County—Officials report a break on one secondary levee with 15-25 families near Orrick evacuated. 25 county and five state roads were closed.

Saline County—Officials reported levees still being overtopped by flooding on Friday. Residents from five homes have evacuated. Two county roads were reported closed.

River Statements/Forecast (from National Weather Service):

LOCATION	FS	STAGE	DAY/TIME	FORECAST
<u>GRAND RIVER</u>				
SUMNER	26	36.1	MON 11 AM	FALL BELOW FS TUE PM
BRUNSWICK	19	30.3	MON 7AM	FALL BELOW FS SAT AM
<u>PLATTE RIVER</u>				
SHARPS STATION	26	29.9	MON 10 AM	FALL BELOW FS TUE AM
PLATTE CITY	20	26.4	MON 10 AM	FALL BELOW FS TUE AM
<u>MISSOURI RIVER</u>				
ST JOSEPH	17	17.1	MON 11 AM	FALL BELOW FS MON PM
SIBLEY	22	24.9	MON 7 AM	FALL BELOW FS TUE PM
NAPOLEON	17	21.9	MON 9 AM	FALL BELOW FS WED AM
WAVERLY	20	24.6	MON 10 AM	FALL BELOW FS WED AM
MIAMI	18	28.6	MON 8 AM	STEADY THROUGH WED AM
				FALL BELOW FS THU PM
GLASGOW	25	34.1	MON 10 AM	STEADY THROUGH TUE AM,
				FALL BELOW FS WED PM
BOONVILLE	21	29.6	MON 11 AM	FALL BELOW FS WED PM
JEFFERSON CITY	23	28.9	MON 10 AM	STEADY THROUGH TUE PM
				FALL BELOW FS WED PM
CHAMOIS	17	24.1	MON 7AM	STEADY THROUGH TUE PM
				FALL BELOW FS THU PM
HERMANN	21	27.5	MON 10 AM	STEADY THROUGH WED AM
				FALL BELOW FS THU PM
WASHINGTON	20	24.1	MON 7 AM	STEADY THROUGH TUE PM
				FALL BELOW FS THU AM
ST CHARLES	25	29.0	MON 10 AM	STEADY THROUGH WED AM
				FALL BELOW FS THU PM
<u>MISSISSIPPI RIVER</u>				
CHESTER, IL	27	29.6	MON 11 AM	STEADY THROUGH TUE PM
				FALL BELOW FS FRI PM
CAPE GIRARDEAU	32	34.9	MON 10 AM	STEADY THROUGH TUE PM
				REMAIN ABOVE FS THROUGH SAT
<u>MERAMAC RIVER</u>				
ARNOLD	24	26.2	MON 8 AM	FALL BELOW FS WED PM

State Actions

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) has returned to normal operations. Staff will be available from 730am-430pm on weekdays. Requests for assistance after hours should be forwarded to the SEMA duty officer (573-751-2748).

Missouri National Guard (MONG) has released all soldiers from their missions in the affected area. More than 100 members were called to state emergency duty, and a liaison officer was sent to activated County EOCs.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) aircraft have conducted numerous flights across the affected area. The Highway Patrol provided assistance with security at numerous locations across the affected area.

Missouri State Water Patrol (MSWP) tracked a runaway barge as it moved down the river Thursday night/Friday morning. The Water Patrol has issued an order to restrict boating on the Osage River from Highway 50 to the Missouri River. The Water Patrol is also assisting with security across the affected area.

Office of Administration (OA) is continuing to work to find resources for communities. OA personnel and equipment were assisting in sandbagging efforts at the Jefferson City Airport.

Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) is monitoring crops lost in conjunction with Farm Services Agency. Officials say they hope to have information on potential crop losses to report within the next few days and that Emergency Conservation Program funds would be available for debris cleanup and related repairs.

Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is moving equipment from river accesses, and providing security in the affected area.

Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) sent 35-40 inmates to sandbag for City of Craig (Holt County). The department supported sandbagging efforts in several communities threatened by flooding.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is providing information on health precautions related to flooding. They are also working on drinking water issues in coordination with DNR.

Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) is involved with crisis counseling for citizens affected by disasters.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has formed flood response teams to check with local officials across the affected area. The teams will provide assistance on drinking water systems, wastewater issues, solid waste, and household hazardous waste.

Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) is working with emergency food and water requests and sheltering issues.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reports state road closures are mostly minor routes. Emergency declaration to waive federal and state regulations for motor carriers to participate in relief efforts completed. MoDOT is also providing barricades and other support to local jurisdictions as possible.

Volunteer Agency Actions

American Red Cross (ARC) is assisting with shelter operations in Brunswick and Mound City. American Red Cross has activated the Citizen Assistance and sheltering information Hotline: 866-GET-Info.

The Salvation Army (TSA) is making flood cleanup kits available for distribution by local organizations. TSA also set up a canteen in Jefferson City. Ready to send response teams along the Missouri River if needed.

Americorps has sent representatives to local jurisdictions across the affected area to start coordinating long-term recovery projects. Their assistance hotline has also been activated. That number is 888-377-2100 and is staffed from 9am to 6pm. Representatives took 13 calls on Friday.

Weather

National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts a cold front to move across the state over the next 24-48 hours. A slight risk of severe weather will come with passage of the front today and Tuesday. The rest of the week should have seasonable temperatures with little chance of additional precipitation.

Point of Contact:

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This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/SitReps/Situation%20Reports.htm>